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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1948

Introduced by Assembly Member Dickerson

February 15, 2000

An act relating to watersheds.

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AB 1948, as amended, Dickerson. Watersheds.

Existing law provides various mechanisms for funding the restoration, maintenance, and management of watersheds.

This bill would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency to compile a report detailing ~~all~~ *major* funding sources made available for watershed projects within the state since ~~1990~~ *1995*, ~~listing the name of the project and requesting entity, evaluating the success of the project, and providing information on the process for obtaining that funding including specified information concerning, among other things, funding sources, performance measures, and the management and administration of funds.~~ The bill would require the secretary to update the report every 3 years. The bill would require the secretary to make the report and the updated reports available on the Internet and to provide copies of those reports to the Legislature and the Governor, as prescribed. The bill would provide that the bill shall

become operative only if AB 2117 of the 1999–2000 Regular Session is enacted and becomes effective on or before January 1, 2001.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the
2 following:

3 (a) The protection of California’s watersheds is of
4 critical importance in securing the economic and
5 environmental future of the state. Watersheds provide
6 water, California’s most valuable commodity, which in
7 turn sustains the engine of the state’s agricultural, urban,
8 and rural economies.

9 (b) California should facilitate and coordinate
10 voluntary local watershed management and
11 rehabilitation efforts to assure the most beneficial use of
12 existing funding programs available for the purposes of
13 watershed planning. Funding mechanisms that maintain
14 and protect these investments in the future should be
15 assessed, reviewed, considered, and continued.

16 (c) Substantial funding for watershed management
17 has been made available to entities within California
18 through various initiatives and legislative actions, yet
19 minimal oversight exists to ensure that priority projects
20 are funded, monitored for effectiveness, if required to be
21 monitored, and that entities are held accountable for the
22 accomplishment of projects.

23 (d) Because there is no organized list of financial
24 resources available, many entities find it difficult to
25 identify and apply for grants or other funding sources for
26 watershed management within California. A need exists
27 for a centralized list and report of watershed
28 management funding sources and a record of all federal,
29 state, and private grants and of general obligation bond
30 expenditures since ~~1990~~ 1995 documenting the entities
31 that have received funds, the types of projects that have
32 been funded, and an assessment whether watershed

1 improvements were documented, if required to be
2 documented. This report will provide a benchmark to
3 assess whether there is a need to pursue additional
4 funding sources for maintenance of past efforts and state
5 watershed management and restoration needs for the
6 future.

7 SEC. 2. (a) (1) The Secretary of the Resources
8 Agency shall compile a report ~~chronicling~~ *major funding*
9 sources made available for watershed projects in
10 California since 1990. ~~The report shall list: the recipients~~
11 ~~of such funding; the federal, state, or private entity or~~
12 ~~entities that administered or received the funding; the~~
13 ~~project resulting from the use of those funds; and an~~
14 ~~assessment of the success of the project~~ *1995. The report*
15 *shall provide an analysis of major federal, state, and*
16 *private grants and of general obligation bond*
17 *expenditures since 1995, including the entities or types of*
18 *entities that have received funds and the types of projects*
19 *that have been funded, and an assessment regarding*
20 *whether the results of the projects were quantified and*
21 *documented, if those results were required to be*
22 *documented. The analysis shall also include summaries of*
23 *types of projects, recipients, performance measures and*
24 *monitoring, if required, and recommended actions to*
25 *improve the effectiveness of how watershed funds are*
26 *administered, including identification of any funding*
27 *gaps. The report shall also include all watershed*
28 *management fund sources that are currently available to*
29 *entities within California, along with a description of the*
30 *process for applying for and the review of applications for*
31 *grant or funding approval. To the extent feasible, the*
32 *report shall also contain a list of individual project grant*
33 *recipients, the project title, and the project location.*

34 (2) The Secretary of the Resources Agency shall
35 update the report described in paragraph (1) every three
36 years.

37 (b) The completed report shall be available on the
38 Internet and provided to the Assembly Natural Resources
39 Committee, the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife
40 Committee, and the Governor not later than November

1 1, 2002. The updated reports shall be available on the
2 Internet and provided to the committees described in
3 this subdivision not later than November 1, 2005, and
4 November 1 of every third year thereafter.

5 SEC. 3. This act shall become operative only if
6 Assembly Bill 2117 of the 1999–2000 Regular Session is
7 enacted and becomes effective on or before January 1,
8 2001.

